



NCCADV

North Carolina Coalition
Against Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence During COVID-19 in NC: Status Update

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A Crisis within a Crisis for DV Victims

- Stay at Home Order
- Loss of Jobs and Economic Instability is a Risk Factor for domestic violence
- Sources of Support and Referral Networks shut down
- Courts Technically Open but Confusion about that
- Protests
- Stress, instability, inability to access supportive friends and family members



Systems Level Analysis

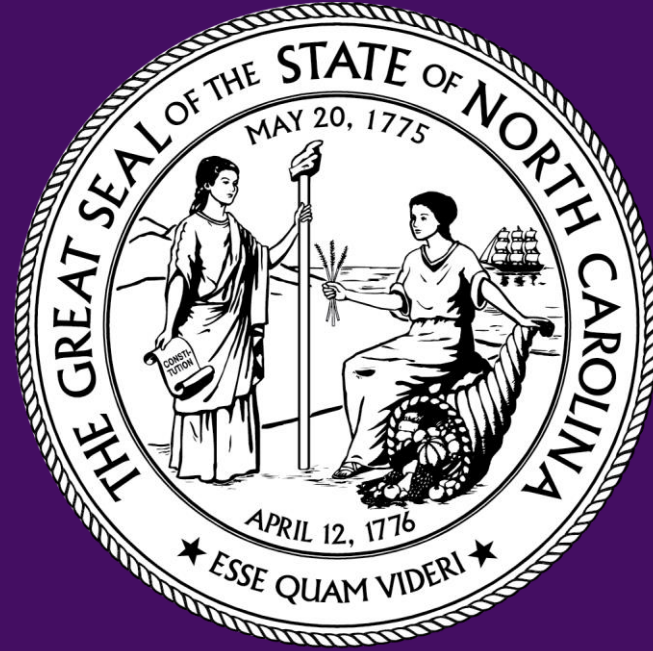
- Data across systems
 - DV Agencies: Council For Women
 - DV Homicide
 - Civil Court Filings
 - Legal Aid
 - DV Intervention Programs (Batterer Intervention)



DV Agencies

Council For Women Annual Statistical Brief

- July 2019-June 2020
- 2nd highest number of services provided in five years
- 59,239 clients served
- 78.5% of clients served are women



Council for Women & Youth Involvement

Department of Administration



DV Agencies: NCCADV Poll August 2020

- 88% of agencies offered new or modified services during the pandemic
- 75% reported increased calls for services
- 84% of agencies had to had to utilize hotels for emergency shelter



Pockets of Dramatic Increase

Examples:

- Lincoln County: Currently 60% increase in shelter requests
- Orange County: Experienced over 100% increase in emergency shelter requests



Civil Court Filings: AOC

- Data analysis for Civil Court DV filings



Civil DV Court Filings Statewide

Comparison of 2019 and 2020

March 2019: 2,577

March 2020: 2,519

April 2019: 2,911

April 2020: 2,220

May 2019: 3,183

May 2020: 2,469

June 2019: 2,751

June 2020: 3,111



*with gratitude to Stephanie Satkowiak,
Administrative Office of the Courts

Observations

- Victims experiencing long waits
- Multiple continuances that require in-person attendance
- Shutdowns for cleaning mean victims must travel to other counties
- Closed courtrooms mean victims forced to congregate in spaces with defendants



Observations

- Remote proceedings, particularly for calendar call and *ex parte* hearings, were good for victims of DV
- Greatly reduced wait times and other barriers
- NCCADV formally endorsed remote proceedings in some circumstances



Observations

- Initial Observations on districts that were able to adapt quickly
 - Strong Coordination between courts, DV agencies, Legal Aid and other partners (CCR)
 - Early planning
 - Good leadership and leaders who were willing to take ownership of a plan
 - *Ability (Willingness?) to be nimble and flexible with changing procedures



Legal Aid

- Largest statewide provider of representation for Domestic Violence victims
- Reported drastically varying conditions in courts re: sanitation and protective practices

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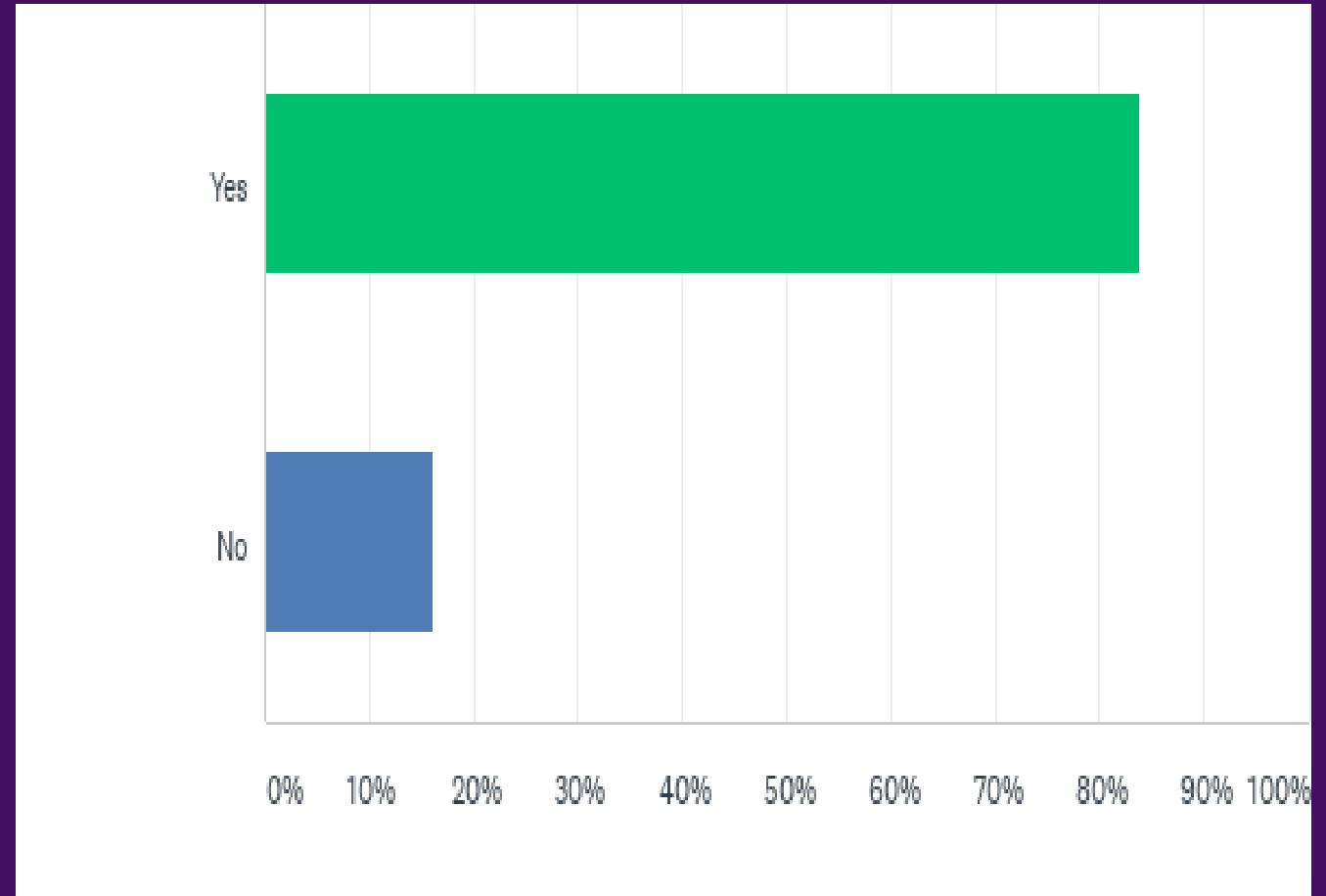
IPV Homicide

- How we track at NCCADV
- 44 victims to date in 2020
 - Artificially low; this is an early number
- 40 victims as of the same time in 2019



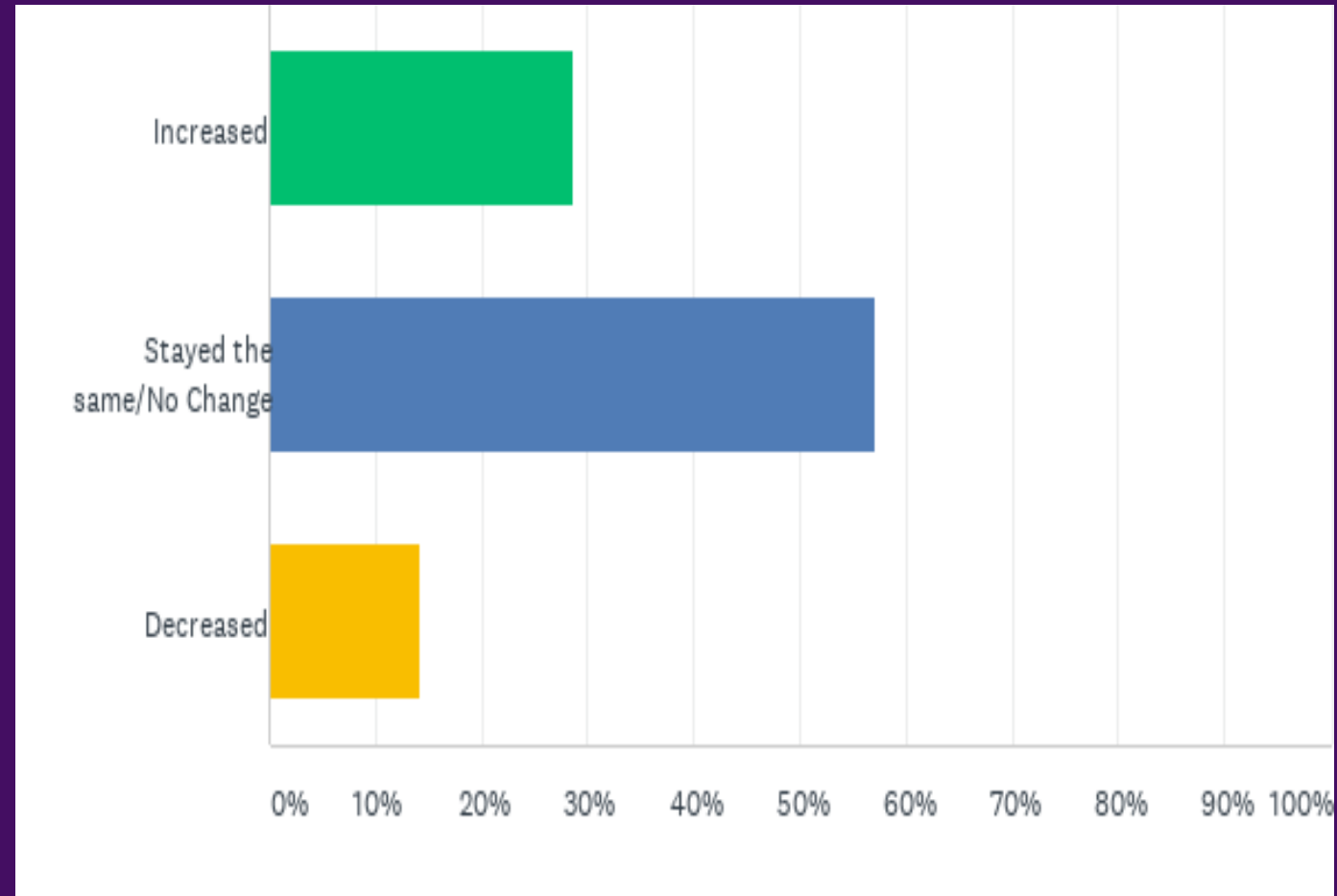
DV Intervention for Perpetrators

- Victims desperately want services to help perpetrators get better
- Access to DV Intervention varies drastically around the state
- Barriers eased during pandemic by allowing remote/virtual attendance



DV Intervention for Perpetrators

- Class participation increased or stayed the same for a large majority of those offering virtual options
- Opportunities for future improvements and better access
- Information courtesy of Tiffany Bell and DV Intervention Committee of the DV Commission



Gaps in Service Coverage

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APPROVED DVIP'S

- This map shows Court Districts with access to approved Batterer Intervention Programs.
- **Yellow** counties have an approved program.
- **Pink** counties do not have an approved program within their county but have access to an approved program within their district.
- **Blue** counties do not have access to an approved program.
- In counties where no BIP is present, offenders can be ordered to a program in a neighboring county, within reason.



Other statewide DV work halted or changed:

- DHHS/Medicaid and Healthy Opportunities
- DOJ and Lethality Assessment Protocol
- Custody Mediation DV Pilot at AOC
- DV Commission/NCCADV Joint Summit



Opportunities for Improving Systems

- CARES act funds - thank you
- NCCADV is working with partners to study what worked well & where we can improve
- UNC study

